

or minus who feel good about ourselves, feel good about our state, feel good about our football team, feel good about our university, feel good about a lot of things and we're being passed up in providing opportunity for our people and for future generations. We only got into the Micron opportunity because we were willing to consider these. We only finished in the finals because we had them, and we'll only be considered in the future if we do, and we did not lose the opportunity with Micron, I would suggest, because of what this body didn't do on this floor, I will respectfully suggest we lost the opportunity in Micron for what all who have preceded us in leadership positions before in this state for 50 years have not done so that we are competitive in the marketplace. Of course, we would rather have small neighborhood niche employers. The reason you try for Mercedes Benz, the reason you try for BMW, the reason you try for Micron is to make up for your past neglect, for your past lack of attention, for your past lack of dedication to the pursuit and achievement of an objective which is essential to the future of our people.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: One minute.

SENATOR BRASHEAR: We cannot grow government, ever grow it, ever increase it, always do more for more people, for the same number of people in more areas and have no money with which to do it. We need a vibrant economy. We need to keep this LB 830 on the record so that we can have opportunities with large employers. It's very carefully circumscribed. It uses time-tested proven tax language; could have been more artfully drawn, maybe, Senator Chambers, but blighted and substandard has been used for years and it will be into the future. The case law is built that way. I urge the repeal...or I urge that we deny or defeat this motion, that we keep LB 830 in place so we're ready to compete and we turn our attention to the things we learned that we did not yet have in final form.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Time.

SENATOR BRASHEAR: Thank you.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Thank you, Senator Brashear. Senator Maurstad.

SENATOR MAURSTAD: Madam President, I call the question.